advantage of these conditions to pro-

improvements and the substantial character of the purchasers lots in Ginter Park are naturally bound to Increase greatly in value and be eager-

Every day carries out numbers of Richmonders who are for one reason and another dissatisfied with living conditions in town, and who are planning to locate permanently in Ginter Park, where conditions are practiculty ideal. Officials of the Gintar Park Company report that prospects are exceedingly bright for largely increased business this spring, when all nature will be in bloom and suburbs will blossem forth as the rose. Then the park will be at its best for show, but one does not have to wait for spring to see the many excellent advantages in permanent improvements already made. Richmonders who are for one reason

TOWELS IN CHINA.

Steadily Grawing Purchases of this Textile Article.

The following report regarding the importation of towels into China is transmitted by Wilbur T. Gracey, consul at Tsingtau:

Tsingtau is the largest importer of towels in China, and during 1906 149,625 dozen honeycomb and huckaback towels passed through the customs at this port. The total importation of this class of towels into China amounted to 752,469 dozen during 1906, in addition to 924,924 dozen of other varieties. Of the huckaback, 23,157 dozen were supplied from Japan, which country also exported to China 627,233 dozen of other varieties of towels and toweling. Great Britain supplied 232, 278 dozen and Hongkong (probably originating in Great Britain) 195,104 dozen of the huckaback quality, and of other kinds Great Britain supplied 233,732 dozen.

It will be seen by those statistics.

plans and specifications to the British and to some of our American firms as well. The best British bids provided that the shops should have two or three years to make the steel work, and longer still to erect it in Africa.

The American Bridge Company of

The American Bridge Company of fered to complete the whole Job within seven months after the foundations were laid, and that at a charge of \$50 per ton, to be paid when all were in place and in working order. This price was about half that of the British estimates and the time was less than one-third that in which the eight bridges already constructed had been built, so the American company got the contract. It carried it out to the letter, and had the government done lits part the work would have been completed in the time specified. Owing

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SOME THIRD-CLASS PASSENGERS, Notice the felegraph wire about the neck and arms of the woman,

catering to the wants of this trade pericans can certainly secure a pornithereof.

Canadian Banking System.

Consul H. D. Van Sant, of Kingston, turbutes the following paragraph banking in Canada:

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country, with game by the thousand gamboling along the car tracks. We swoke on the Kapiti plains, which are a mile above the sea, and 208 miles from Mombesa. These plains are of a black sandy lonm and they are covered with a thick grass. They look much like lowa, kansas or Nebraska did when the rallroads were first built through them and when the buffaloes galloped along with the cars. The same conditions prevail here, save that the game is of a half-dozen big kinds, and most of it is such as you can see only in our zoological gardens at heme. According to law no shooting may be done for a mile on each side of the track, and the road has become a great game preserve two miles in width and about 600 miles long. The animals seem to know that they are safe when they are near the rallroad and most of them are as quiet as our domestic beasts when in the fields.

rairoad and most of them are as quiet as our domestic beasts when in the fields.

Let me give you some notes which I made with these wild animals on all sides of me. I copy: These Kapitizialnas are flat and I am riding through vast herds of antelopes and zebras. Some of them are within pistol shot of the cars. There are fifty-odd zebras feeding on the grass not 100 feet away. Their black and white stripes shine in the sunlight, and they are round, plump and beautiful. They raise their heads as the train goes by and then continue their grazing. Further, on we see antelopes, some as big as a two-year-old calf, and others the size of a goat. The little ones have horns almost as long as their bodies. There is one variety which has a white paten on its rump. This antelope looks as though it had a baby's bib tied to its stubby tail or had been splished with a whitewash brush. Many of the antelopes are yellow or fawn colored; and some of the smaller ones are beautifully striped.

Wild Gaus and Ostriches.

Among the most curious saimals to be seen are the gnus. As I write this there are some galloping along with the train. They are great beasts as big as a moose, with horus of a cow and the mane and tail of a horse. They are sometimes called wilde-



beast that night. The bones of the man, picked clean, were found the naxiday.

Through East Africa by Rall.

But come with me and take a trip of the county of the count of the county o

Among the Antelopes and Zobras. It is a strange thing to go to sleep in the woods and to awake finding your-self traveling over a high, trealer

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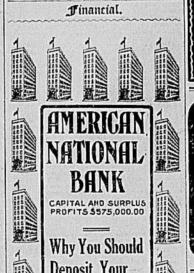
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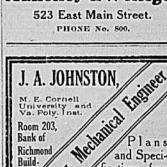
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